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## Be there, be queer

Fifteen years ago, gay and lesbian film festivals were nearly unheard of phenomena. Back then, some college or cultural groups sponsored "gay" films, sometimes even several weeks of such films. But the idea of a sustained, varied *festival* that featured new work as well as old; experimental as well as mainstream; and video as well as film is a relatively new idea. And it is certainly an idea whose time has come. Boston's Gay and Lesbian Festival is now in its seventh year. New Yorkers can enjoy two queer fêtes a year, the New Festival and the New York Gay and Lesbian Experimental Film Festival. San Francisco, Chicago, Montreal and Los Angeles all have their own festivals.

In the beginning, gay and lesbian festivals were riddled with older films for the simple reason that there were so few new ones to be found. Films like *Maedchen in Uniform*, *A Taste of Honey*, *Johnny Minotaur*, *The Leather Boys*, *Victim* and *Boys in the Band* were screened so that lesbians and gay men might see images of themselves, no matter how imperfect or in what skewered context they might appear. In the mid-'70s to early '80s, as new domestic and foreign films began to appear and openly queer filmmakers began to create their own

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## 'Media disaster' in Milwaukee

*Sensational coverage of grisly serial murders and other acts of violence against perceived gay people is 'way out of hand,' according to a lesbian and gay community under siege*

**By Jacob Smith Yang**

MILWAUKEE, Wisc.—Members of the local gay and lesbian community are under siege by elements of the mainstream media, which continue to reinforce an association between gay men and acts of murder and violence. The sensationalism of the "homosexual" aspect of a case involving the July 23 discovery of a serial killer's victims is the latest in what activists are calling "a media disaster."

"This situation is way out of hand and it feels really scary out there," said Kitty Barber of the Lesbian Alliance of Metro Milwaukee (LAMM). "Most people are looking at one or two headlines about murder and violence and come away with a false, negative impression of gay men and lesbians," she told GGN.

### 'Let's pop the fag'

In June, the Milwaukee media covered the trials of two cases where Wisconsin men were killed because they were perceived as gay.

On June 14, Charles E. Jackson was tried and found guilty of the murder of Cleveland "Ricky" Roundtree. Roundtree was allegedly followed by Jackson, Patrick Harden and a third man (who has never been found). He was shot, first at point blank range in the spine, then at close range through the heart and kidneys. He was subsequently set afire, which resulted in 80 percent of his body being covered with 3rd and 4th degree burns.

Similarly, on June 21, in Madison, Joseph Darryl Wills was convicted of the first degree intentional homicide of Mark F. Starkey. Starkey was shot to death in a downtown Madison alley.

In both cases, the defendants acknowledged that they followed the men because the men had made sexual overtures towards them. Jackson reported that he was responding to a suggestion by one of his companions, "Let's pop the fag." Wills, in a police statement filled with anti-gay remarks, said "I know this sounds odd, but if I had to do it over again, I would do the same thing."

Jackson's and Wills's assumption that the men they killed were gay served as justifications for their actions. While both men were sentenced to first degree murder, publicity and subsequent discussions of the cases raised a disturbing issue—that many people agreed with the anti-gay sentiment behind Jackson's and Wills's rationales and were not afraid to say so.

### 'Homosexual overkill'

On July 23, Milwaukee police discovered the various body parts of as many as 15 young men in Jeffery L. Dahmer's one-bedroom apartment. The *New York Times* reported that the slayings constituted "the grisliest murder case in the city's history" and "were related to deviant sexual behavior."

"Of course, in most readers minds, 'deviant sexual behavior' is a code word for 'gay,'" said Robert Bray of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF). "This case is like the [serial killer] John Wayne Gacy case all over again, and I'm afraid the reports of these kinds of horrible murders reinforce anti-gay sentiments within the community."

LAMM's Barber reported that Bray's fears are valid. "I was driving the other day, and

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# Newsnotes

## Quote of the week

"I hope that eventually I will achieve the recognition that other spouses of U.S. Representatives have. Instead of my mere existence being a topic of discussion, perhaps someday we can move on to the important things, like my hair and my clothes."

—Herb Moses, a financial analyst and Congressman Barney Frank's lover, in an article that he published in the Boston Globe about being the partner of a famous person, entitled, "My life as Barney Frank's ... boyfriend? Lover? Friend? Spouse?"

## Lesbian assaulted by police sues Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA—A lesbian who was assaulted by a police officer at a demonstration last October filed a suit July 5 against the officer and the city of Philadelphia. Plaintiff Kristen Chimes is asking for compensation not only for the assault, but for the suffering caused when she herself was slapped with criminal charges arising out of the demonstration.

Chimes, who was treated for injuries after being punched in the face by Officer Robert Wilson at an anti-violence march, filed a citizen's complaint against Wilson the following day, Oct. 13. Two months later, on Dec. 13, Chimes learned she was charged with aggravated assault, simple assault and recklessly endangering another person in connection with the demonstration. Chimes spent the night in jail and was released on bail the next day.

Julie Shapiro, Chimes's lawyer at the time, told GCN she felt the police were attempting to press charges against Chimes in order to dissuade her from pursuing her complaint against Wilson. On July 1 of this year, after the matter was sent to a first offender's program, all charges against Chimes were dismissed and her record expunged.

Attorney David Rammler, who is currently representing Chimes, charges in the latest suit that the city of Philadelphia failed to properly investigate possible instances of excessive force by officers and to identify and investigate instances of false allegations against individuals.

—Dawn Schmitz

## NEA bars Boy Scouts' booth

MIAMI BEACH—Following objections by gay and lesbian activists, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) were forced to remove a booth at the National Education Association (NEA) convention, July 2-7.

According to the *San Francisco Sentinel*, members of the NEA Gay and Lesbian Caucus charged that the BSA's exclusionary practices "discriminate on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, and religion."

Caucus members cited a motion passed at the 1989 NEA convention, which bans any organization or business that has discriminatory practices that are contrary to NEA's non-discrimination policies from exhibiting at the convention.

The removal of the booth was the latest challenge to anti-gay policies voiced by BSA officials during their recent testimony in *Curran v. Mt. Diablo Canyon Boy Scout Troop*. (See GCN, Vol. 18, No. 45.) In that case, an openly gay former Eagle Scout sued the BSA for excluding him from a scout leadership position.

The week before the NEA convention, Tom Ammiano, a gay member of the San Francisco school board, had recommended that several BSA programs be barred from using San Francisco public school facilities because of their discriminatory policies.

On July 3, as part of a staged demonstration, approximately a dozen gay activists turned in scoutmaster applications at the BSA's San Francisco headquarters.

—Jacob Smith Yang

## 1000 protest Houston police reluctance to label attack a hate-crime

HOUSTON, Tex.—More than 1000 gay men and lesbians assembled at a busy intersection July 13 to protest police statements which denied that a recent attack outside a local gay nightclub was a hate crime.

According to the *Dallas Voice*, Houston police subsequently reversed their position

and labeled the attack a hate crime.

The attack against three gay men occurred in the early hours of July 4. One man, Paul Broussard, died from abdominal stab wounds at a hospital seven hours later. Another, Richard Delaney, was injured. The third man escaped from the scene of the attack without injury.

The survivors reported that, as they were returning to their car from a local gay nightclub, ten young men emerged from cars and attacked them with pipes, boards studded with nails and at least one knife.

Ten suspects have been identified and questioned in connection with the case. Three men between the ages of 17 and 22 have been charged with the attempted murder of Delaney.

"Now we face the challenge of whether they will be prosecuted to the full extent they should be," said Anise Parker, a local lesbian activist. "These are kids from 'good' families, the kind of boys you expect to walk away with a slap on the wrist," said Parker, adding, "We're determined to make sure that doesn't happen."

—Jacob Smith Yang

## No condom, no talk

BOSTON—A member of Massachusetts AIDS Action Committee (AAC) canceled a Boston College speaking engagement scheduled for July 19 when college officials apparently told him not to mention condoms, reports the *Boston Globe*. "If we're not allowed to speak about condoms, we don't go," AIDS Action's John R. Dreyer told the *Globe*.

The speech was to be directed at a group of youths aged 13 and 14 who were attending a sports program at the Catholic university. In addition to sports, the national program—designed for economically disadvantaged youths—is intended to inform participants about education, career development, drug prevention and health issues.

Larry Kessler, executive director of the AAC, said being unable to mention condoms in a talk about AIDS prevention is "withholding life-saving and disease-preventing information." The university's reluctance to allow frank discussion, he said, is part of larger society's reluctance to admit that teenagers are sexually active and at risk of contracting sexually transmitted diseases.

Boston College spokesperson Doug Whiting said he is not sure of the college administration's role in preventing the mention of condoms but said the college has allowed the discussion of condoms in other arenas. Boston College does not allow distribution of condoms on campus.

—Dawn Schmitz

## Philadelphia radio stations agree to non-discrimination policy

PHILADELPHIA—In a significant victory in its decade-long campaign against discrimination in television and radio, the Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Task Force announced last week that four local radio stations had agreed to sign anti-discrimination contracts.

WDAS-FM, WFLN-FM, WBUX-AM and WWDB-FM promised to adopt sexual orientation non-discrimination and affirmative action policies, to provide economic benefits for lesbian and gay partners of staff members and to increase time allocated to news and informational programming to women and people of color.

Meanwhile, on July 1, the Task Force—in conjunction with the state and local affiliates of the National Organization for Women, Aspira, ACT-UP, Black and White Men Together/Philadelphia and Custody Action for Lesbian Mothers—filed a petition with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requesting that the FCC deny license renewals to 13 radio stations. The organizations charge the stations with failing to provide mandated public interest programming and programming that meets the needs of local populations.

The petition is based on a study entitled "Women, Minorities and AIDS: An Analysis of Issues-Responsive Programming Among Philadelphia, PA Commercial Radio Stations: 1989-1990." The study found that on the average local stations devoted one minute a day each to women and to African Americans, and two minutes a month each to lesbians and gay men and to Latinas/Latinos.

—Marc Stein

## NEW GROUPS STARTING

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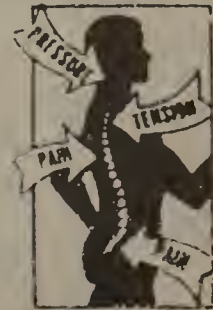
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# Anti-gay/-lesbian violence up 50% in Massachusetts

*More acts of gaybashing combined with a greater willingness to report incidents to the police have led to the 'dramatic increase'*

**By Dawn Schmitz**

BOSTON—The Victim Recovery Project of the Fenway Community Health Center reported July 24 that incidents of violence against gay men and lesbians in Massachusetts have increased 50 percent in the first six months of this year as compared to the same period last year. Meanwhile, two men have been arraigned in connection with a gay-bashing that took place July 22.

Dion Williams told *GCN* that he and his lover were walking on the Esplanade, a narrow park along the Charles River, around 4:30 a.m. on July 22. They were approached by two men on bicycles who called one of them a "fucking faggot." One of the men circled behind Williams and grazed Williams's head with his hand. Williams said that he had seen the two men harassing another man prior to this incident. As an eyewitness was calling the police on a public phone, the harassers approached, chased the witness away and damaged the phone, reported Williams.

The police arrived and stopped the alleged assailants farther down the path, and Williams and his lover identified them. "The police couldn't have been more helpful," Williams said. "They wanted to help people who had been assaulted and that was their primary goal." The police who responded to the call were from the Metropolitan District Commission, which has jurisdiction over many Boston-area parks.

The case is scheduled to go to trial on July 31. Mark J. Ambrosio of Somerville, Mass., age 19, is being charged with malicious destruction of property in excess of \$250, assault and battery, and violation of constitutional rights as protected under the Massachusetts hate crimes law, which was passed in December of last year. The court would not discuss the case against the other suspect, Nathan W. Stein, age 17 of Cambridge, Mass., because he is a minor.

Williams said that when he reported the incident to the Fenway's Victim Recovery Project, the victim advocates there informed him of his right to submit a Victim Impact

Statement. This statement lets the victims of crimes recommend appropriate sentences for their assailants. Williams said he will probably recommend one-year probation and 100 hours of community service with a gay, lesbian and bisexual organization—if such an organization is willing to participate.

## Over 100 incidents

The Fenway project reported that in the first six months of this year 109 lesbians and gay men reported incidents of violence and harassment in Massachusetts. The report stated that 28 percent of all reports this year were made in June and attributed this high number, in part, to the increasingly warm weather. Victim Advocate Robert Weinerman told *GCN* that July has also been a very busy month although the actual statistics have not been fully compiled yet.

The report revealed that more than half the reported incidents involved physical attacks—including two sexual assaults—and that 19 of the attacks resulted in a need for medical attention. There were eight reported bashings by police officers, two of which were severe, but the report stated that many of the project's clients have been pleased with police responses to anti-gay and anti-lesbian violence.

Weinerman attributed the dramatic rise in reported incidents of violence partly to increased violence itself, but also to a greater willingness among victims to come forward with their experiences and see them through to trial. "I think that there is probably a combination of both," he said. "The increase is just so dramatic it can't all be reporting."

## Infrequent jail sentences

Weinerman said the "outcome of many cases is that after several trips to court, the defense attorney and district attorney will plea bargain." He said that while perpetrators are rarely given jail sentences, "some have seen some [jail] time." Overall, he stated, the district attorney's office in Boston is "very good about bringing cases to court and

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# NIH okays second company's manufacturing of AZT

*People on AZT are expected to benefit financially if Burroughs Wellcome's expensive monopoly on AZT ends*

**By Jacob Smith Yang**

WASHINGTON—The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announced July 17 that it has licensed a generic pharmaceutical company to produce a form of AZT, the only federally approved drug in use for treatment of HIV infection. The NIH and Barr Laboratories maintain that breaking the current monopoly on AZT will benefit people who use the drug, by driving the cost down through competition. Approval of Barr Laboratories' generic form of AZT from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is pending.

The licensing is based on the government's possible interests as one of the drug's inventors, and reasserts the NIH's challenge to six AZT-related patents that give Burroughs Wellcome, a pharmaceutical company based in North Carolina, exclusive rights to manufacture the drug.

Mark Stearn, of the NIH news office, told *GCN* that "In the ideal scenario, our co-inventor interests in AZT will be upheld in the court, the FDA will approve Barr's generic version, and Barr will begin production of a pure, generic form of AZT that is 40 percent cheaper from Day One."

## 40 percent less

The price of Burroughs Wellcome's AZT has been an issue since the drug first became available to people with HIV disease. In the past, pressure from AIDS activists has caused Burroughs Wellcome to cut the price of AZT twice. Spokespersons for the NIH and Barr laboratories said they believe a generic version of AZT can be offered in the

United States for even less.

According to Kathy S. Bartlett, manager of media relations at Burroughs Wellcome, the company currently charges \$1.20 for a 100 mg capsule of AZT. "We estimate that the yearly cost to someone who is asymptomatic, taking 500 mg of AZT per day, would be about \$2200," said Bartlett. "A person taking 600 mg/day would incur yearly costs of about \$2600, although rounding up to a \$3000 figure would be appropriate, because we use wholesale numbers."

"Barr Laboratories filed the FDA application to make AZT available at a lower price," Barr's Rozeck told *GCN*. "The cost of a year's therapy is presently \$3000. We would probably be able to charge about 40 percent less."

"The availability of AZT from additional commercial sources and the resulting competition should cause a marked decrease in the price of AZT," said the NIH's Healy. "It should produce substantial savings for the public as well as the federal and state governments."

Ray Schmidt, of ACT UP/Boston, agreed that, if Barr's challenge against Burroughs Wellcome is successful, the main impact will be to drive the cost of AZT down by providing competition.

"Burroughs Wellcome still dominates the research scene and can sway its direction financially," Schmidt told *GCN*. "What is so shocking is to see all the pharmaceutical companies focusing on a few drugs, like AZT. We want to see some research toward new drugs."

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Rosaria Salerno, 1987

# Boston groups announce city council endorsements

*Abner Mason, endorsed by both the Alliance and the Coalition, may not have enough signatures to qualify for the September ballot*

**By Dawn Schmitz**

BOSTON—Two gay and lesbian political groups released endorsements last week for city election primary scheduled for September. However, as *GCN* goes to press, sources say at large candidate Abner Mason, an openly gay Black Republican, endorsed by both groups, is withdrawing his candidacy because he has not garnered the necessary signatures to run. Mason could not be reached for comment.

Mason was among the candidates endorsed by both the Greater Boston Lesbian and Gay Political Alliance and the Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Rights. While the Alliance endorsed a slate for the at-large races that includes Mason, incumbent councilors Rosaria Salerno and Bruce Bolling and first-time candidate Jackson Hall, the Coalition only endorsed Mason and Salerno.

David LaFontaine of the Coalition told *GCN* that Bruce Bolling, who voted in favor of the failed Family Protection Act that would have allowed nontraditional families to register with the city, was not endorsed because Mason's supporters "packed the meeting and wanted a bullet vote" for Mason in the at-large race.

However, LaFontaine said he felt that the turnout for the meeting was good even though only about 40 out of 200 eligible members attended. According to *GCN* sources, three women attended the endorsement meeting. LaFontaine declined to say how many women participated. The Coalition is scheduled to meet again for further debate on endorsements.

In district races the Alliance endorsed incumbents David Scondras (Fenway-Mission Hill) who co-sponsored the Family Protection Act, and Maura Hennigan Casey (Jamaica Plain-West Roxbury) who worked for a compromise version of the act. In other district races, the Alliance endorsed Tony Crayton for District Seven. Con Hurley, who is vying to unseat incumbent Brian McLaughlin (Allston-Brighton), and Michael Cronin, an openly

gay man who is challenging James Kelly of South Boston for the District Two seat. Both Kelly and McLaughlin voted against the Family Protection Act.

Cronin, who is a member of the Alliance, told *GCN* he was "very pleased that our non-gay friends have been endorsed also." He mentioned specifically at-large candidate Bruce Bolling, who currently represents Roxbury, as well as Rosaria Salerno, Maura Hennigan-Casey and Jackson Hall.

Although Salerno voted in favor of the version of the Family Protection Act that did not include health insurance for partners of city employees, her vote against the "full" version has been questioned by some activists. However, Salerno told *GCN* that she is in favor of the full version of the act and that others misunderstood what the second vote was for. While some believed the second vote was to decide on the full version of the bill, Salerno said, "Once a substitute motion was put in, the original couldn't be voted on."

She added, "My commitment is unwavering," and said she was "delighted" to receive both endorsements. "The Alliance is one [endorsement] I've had and I was anxious to retain it," she said.

The Alliance has not yet made any endorsement in the mayoral race. Member Don Gorton told *GCN* that the Alliance plans to meet with Mayor Ray Flynn early in September before they decide whether to endorse him. Gorton said a move to endorse Flynn's challenger, Graylon Ellis-Hagler, was defeated. Although Ellis-Hagler had a number of supporters at the meeting, Gorton said, "a lot of people in the Alliance didn't see him as a viable candidate" to beat Flynn.

On the other hand, David LaFontaine of the Coalition called Ellis-Hagler "our key endorsement...our major focus of support." He stated that the Coalition "holds Flynn responsible for defeating the Family Protection Act." While the mayor took no official stand on the act, many of its supporters said Flynn's silence on the issue contributed to its defeat. □



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### Consider Cuba

Dear GCN:

So Mexican authorities cancelled ILGA conference in Guadalajara recently. The ILGA should consider holding its next conference, if not next several future conferences, in the free (communist) world, especially Cuba, North Korea, the USSR, etc. We suggest strongly that GCN and/or ILGA contact the Cuban mission or Interest Section in Washington, D.C. or Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada, the Cuban Ambassador to the U.N. for further directions.

Bear in mind that Cuba is a Third World country faced with an economic embargo by the closed capitalist world which still controls almost 80 percent of the world's resources and markets. It can therefore ill-afford the extra financial burden of disease epidemics and U.S. secret police intrigues. Nevertheless, Cuba is a very humanitarian country and will do all it can to help the sick and oppressed peoples around the world wherever they may be. The gay and lesbian communities have much in common with the free (communist) world, and especially in terms of: 1) Nationalization, if not internationalization, of health care (this is one planet and we are all human); 2) Liquidation of the military (the peace dividends therefrom), especially the U.S. war machine which is a mortal threat to working class and oppressed people everywhere; 3) The immediate and unconditional end to the trade embargo by the capitalist world, especially the U.S.A. and capitalist superpowers, against the free world. The greatest peace dividend lies here in the elimination of unnecessary duplication of effort and research in many, if not every, field. The needs of humanity, of its poor, not its rich, of its oppressed, not exploiters, must receive top priority everywhere.

Our rulers here are hell bent on rolling back the reforms of the 1960s and '70s in an effort to return the U.S. to the authoritarianism (totalitarianism) of its anti-gay, anti-communist, apartheid (Jim Crow), anti-woman past. But once people whether they be gay, minority, women or workers have a taste of freedom as we have had in the U.S. during the past generation, they cannot easily accept the totalitarian ways of the past again.

The gay community should not just petition capitalist party politicians to alter this or that law or policy; it should make, formulate and campaign for its own foreign and domestic policy by running candidates for local, state and federal office (elective and appointive).

The gay community should establish cordial and friendly relations with the free world, especially Cuban and Soviet officials. The U.S. trade embargo against medicine and health care science (bilaterally) between the U.S. and Cuba especially, as well as the entire free world should be targeted along with the trade embargo generally. Human skill and resources must no longer be wasted on the evil power games of our rulers. Medical science, as well as science and economic development generally must be allowed and encouraged to grow unhindered.

U.S. AIDS patients must be allowed to buy medical insurance and service in any nation they choose. The U.S.A. must extend its full cooperation with Cuba, the USSR and the rest of the free world in every field of human endeavor, including medicine and the war on AIDS. To do otherwise is (to continue) murder and a holocaust. Cuba's national (ized) health care system must be studied by the left and the gay community and its advantages imported to the U.S.A. where relevant.

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### Make a difference through faith

Dear GCN:

In the July 16, 1991 issue of the *Advocate*, Rev. Sandra Tobinon of the UFMCC, raises an interesting question: "Is it time for gays (and lesbians) to leave mainstream churches?" This is a question for all gays and lesbians of faith to consider very seriously. In another article in the same issue, Presbyterian committee member Rev. Daniel Smith is quoted: "The gay and lesbian community is the only group that wants into the church, and the church won't open its doors." In my estimation, this is a fact that the church should look at very seriously too. Finally in the *Boston Globe* it was reported that the Aryan Nation is planning to begin a

drive to attract new members. (The Aryan Nation has long been a shadowy underground group linked by authorities and civil rights advocates to violence and racism, and calls itself "the Church of Jesus Christ Christian.")

It is a fact that there are many, many gay and lesbian people in the various churches, synagogues and temples of our country. To them I extend a challenge to be active there and help make a difference through their faith. It is also a fact that many, many gays and lesbians have left their churches, synagogues and temples in anger and disgust. Some with the mistaken impression that God does not love them because they are homosexual. Nothing could be further from the truth!

This is the reason for my writing; to spread the good news to all alienated and disfranchised gay and lesbian people of faith, that they are loved by their God, and there is a place for them in the community of believers, the Church! This is an open invitation to all of you to come home, come build community based on your faith, and on your love of God and our brothers and sisters.

Scripture has been used against gay and lesbian people but modern scholarship has shown that to be a bad interpretation. Just as study and accrued knowledge have shown other bad interpretations for what they are, so it is with verses used to condemn homosexual acts. I refer to you to Rev. John McNeill and Dr. John Boswell as just two scholars of theology and history who refute such uses of Holy Scripture. Instead of looking to Scripture to condemn or justify, we can now begin to look at it for truth and knowledge about our God and apply these truths in our lives. This is what Scripture is for, to tell us about our God and give us an idea of the way God's Grace can and does work in our lives.

The Independent Catholic movement, consisting of a number of different jurisdictions, is open to gay and lesbian people of faith who wish to form communities based on their faith and shared experiences. We believe that the Church is open to all people who believe in God and seek God's Grace through the Sacraments. Unlike various organizations formed within various denominations, we do not support, or attempt to be a part of, any oppressive organized religion. We are not a "gay church" because we are all inclusive; again, all people are welcome to share the life of the Church with us. We are not bound by rules and "laws" formed centuries ago and based on improper understanding of Scripture and the human experience.

There are independent Catholic communities formed all over the free world, and, for the most part, they are very open to gay and lesbian people. There are those that preach homophobic, anti-sex, fundamental misunderstandings of Scripture, but they are the exception rather than the rule. Here, in Boston, we are forming a parish which is open to all alienated Christian people. The gay and lesbian people of faith who are separated from their churches are invited to join us and help us grow. For more information, please call (617) 227-5794 between 8 am and 8 pm.

I call on gays and lesbians of faith to come together, and form a faith community within the Independent Catholic movement. If an organization such as Aryan Nation can bring together people to spread their message of racism and hatred, what chance do we stand if we do not come together to spread a message of tolerance and love? The choice is yours, as our Scripture says, let those who have ears hear!

Rev. Paul A. Diederich, S.G.S.  
Boston, Mass.

### Ireland's national gay hero

Dear GCN:

Gay Americans should pause on August 3rd to honor the 75th anniversary of the death of humanitarian and "traitor" Sir Roger Casement.

Physical-force nationalists within the Irish Republican Brotherhood in Ireland and within the Clan-na-Gael in the United States seized the involvement of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland in World War I for application of the military philosophy "England's difficulty is Ireland's opportunity." Thus a rising to end Britain's colonization of Ireland was planned for Easter Sunday 1916.

As the Clan-na-Gael's envoy to Germany, Casement's mission was to secure German arms and to recruit an Irish brigade from Irish prisoners-of-war in Germany. Because

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## We have worlds to change

*[This was originally delivered as a commencement address to the Masters of Social Work graduating class of Fordham University.]*

**By Donald F. Grasso**

"Something is stirring, shifting ground, it's just begun...edges are blurring all around and yesterday is done....feel the flow...hear what's happening, we're what's happening...don't you know we're the movers and the we're shapers...we're the names in tomorrow's papers....up to us man to show 'em....it's our time, breathe it in...someday just began...."

This is the Stephen Soundheim song that I and 149 members of the New York City Gay Men's Chorus sang at the largest gay and lesbian rights march in Washington, D.C. in 1987. On that same spot, 24 years earlier, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave his famous "I have a dream" speech and said, "So I say to you, my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream."

I too have had a dream...and still do. A dream that my life can make a difference and this world will be a better place. I believe you too, share a similar dream—why else would we be going into our profession? It certainly isn't because of the money.

The 1990s are the decade of the social worker. We are the movers and shapers of the future. A new wave of social workers that will empower and influence the thousands of clients we serve. We have worlds to change and worlds to win. A new world that values people, not profits. We're in the people business and it's our time to address the root causes of why people need us.

In the 1980s, many thought of our profession as applying bandages—and bandages are necessary to heal the immediate wounds. I don't know about you, but I'm not interested in just applying bandages but in exposing the illnesses of why bandages need

to be applied to the wounds inflicted on the powerless. We're challenged to change social conditions, social policies and the social attitudes that exist today.

Social workers can be an incredible force—an army. Not an army of destruction and devastation as we recently saw in Iraq, but an army of social justice. We must fight the heroic battles and destroy the forces that perpetuate racism, sexism, agism, homophobia and heterosexism.

The racism that excludes our great Latino, Native American, Asian and African Americans from our history books; the sexism that perpetuates women earning 64 cents to every dollar a man earns; the heterosexism that conceals the fact that Jane Addams, the founder of the social work movement and Nobel prize winner, was a lesbian; the agism that devalues our mature citizens and disenfranchises children from their future. Our government spent over a billion dollars a day for the Gulf war and is about to spend \$100 billion, yes, I said billion, on more war planes...yet we're told there is no money to house the over three million homeless in this country. There's something wrong here.

One out of every two children live below the poverty level in New York City, and census statistics confirm that the rich indeed have become richer and the poor, poorer. There's something wrong here.

Our president calls himself the education president, yet there are at least 23 million Americans considered illiterate and four million of them can't read at all.

Half of all federal tax dollars go to the Pentagon, yet cities are cutting back teaching staffs. There's something very wrong here.

We had a president in the '80s who, despite 21,000 deaths by the year 1986, never uttered the word AIDS until six years into the epidemic. It is precisely because of the poor or non-response of our current and past

presidents that the leading cause of death of Black women of child-bearing age is AIDS, and over a million citizens are infected with the so-called AIDS virus. Our brothers and sisters of the Latino and African American communities have been disproportionately affected by this devastating disease. Some have gone so far as to call it genocide. There's something shamefully wrong here.

The United States is one of two developed nations that doesn't have a national health care system. It is one of the many reasons that Black men in Harlem have shorter life expectancies than men living in Bangladesh. There's something glaringly wrong here.

We have our work cut out for us in this decade of the social worker. If, as individuals, we think of these enormous problems, we could fast become overwhelmed and our current situation could seem hopeless. But we are part of a social work community in the United States of over one-half million. We have our professional and community organizations, the collective power to mobilize this incredible political and lobbying force, along with the millions we serve. We have the power of the vote to influence our elected officials that will bring peace, justice and equal opportunity for all. We can set this country *reeling*.

"So I say to you my friends, that even though we must face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream." It's our time and our dream's coming through. It's up to us to show them.

*Donald F. Grasso is a long-time community organizer working currently with the Office of the Mayor for the Lesbian and Gay Community in New York City, where he lives on the Upper West Side with his mate, Woody Regan. His ultimate career goal is to be executive director of a major social service agency working with the elderly.*

of the inadequate quantity of secured arms and because only 53 wartime English, Welsh and Scottish comrades-in-arms, Casement judged his mission a failure. Returning to Ireland on a German submarine to persuade the revolutionary leaders in Dublin to cancel the rising, he was arrested by security forces only hours after his landing on the County Kerry coast on Good Friday.

The militarily disastrous rising took place on Easter Monday, April 24, 1916, but the Dubliners vocally and angrily disowned the Easter risers.

By shooting 15 of the Dublin leaders and by putting Casement of trial for treason in London, the British government stupidly canonized these 16 men as martyrs for the Irish Cause and retroactively transformed the Easter Rising into the very symbol of a free and independent Ireland.

To prevent the Archbishop of Canterbury, Irish-American President Woodrow Wilson, and other celebrities from winning a reprieve for Casement because of his previous exposure of Belgian colonial atrocities in the Congo (which had gained him his Knighthood), the British government quietly circulated excerpts from Casement's diary which exposed him as "a practicing homosexual."

Although some courageous voices, such as Irishman George Bernard Shaw, were raised for clemency, the American administration kept an official silence. Casement was hung at Pentonville Jail in London on August 3, 1916 and then was buried in its courtyard.

With British Labor Prime Minister Harold Wilson's authorization, Sir Rodger Casement's body was finally exhumed from its ignoble grave on February 23, 196 to fulfill Casement's dying wish to be buried in his native Ireland. He now rests among other Irish immortals in Dublin's Glasnevin Cemetery—Ireland's gay national hero.

Respectfully yours,  
James Francis Gibbons  
San Lezndro, Calif.

### Malicious neglect of queers

[GCN received a copy of this letter that was sent to The Philadelphia Inquirer.]  
To the Editors:

I am writing to inform you that a lot of queers are more annoyed than usual with what you choose to report and not to report. You totally ignored a variety of eminently newsworthy queer events this past year alone.

On October 12, 1990, between 300 and 400 queers and our supporters marched through Center City Philadelphia to protest the rampant violence that we experience on a daily basis. This demonstration was an unprecedented statement of our unwillingness to be victims. Few people in Center City that evening could have missed us. We were loud and angry. A few of us were physically attacked by bigots along the route that night. Ignoring press releases from Queer Action, the march organizers, the *Inquirer* failed to print even one word about this event.

That same month, hundreds of queers and their friends and supporters attended the annual Pine Street Block Party. Though perhaps not as visible as the anti-violence demonstration, the Block Party is a showcase for the many different organizations and institutions that serve queers in Philadelphia. It is a well-attended and important event for us. It should have been covered. The *Inquirer* failed to cover this well-publicized event.

On June 1, 1991, approximately 5,000 queers, with their friends and supporters, took part in the annual Philadelphia Lesbian and Gay Pride Parade. We marched from Rittenhouse Square to Penn's Landing, demonstrating our pride and celebrating our lives. The Pride Festival at Penn's Landing was the largest in many years in Philadelphia, perhaps the largest ever. With singers, theater troupes, speakers, performers, and a great many organizations and vendors, the traditional Pride Festival and Parade were perhaps the single most important queer events of the past year. The *Inquirers's* utter suppression of news of this huge gathering is a journalistic fiasco.

Queers have good reason to resent the *Inquirer's* treatment of our lives. While the editors of the *Inquirer* quell any hint of queer news, the give heterosexually-identified columnists license to write snide, immature columns about queers which clearly are not written from an even remotely informed perspective. The *Inquirer* needs a big

change. It needs to start covering queer issues immediately. It needs more openly queer columnists and editors. It needs to replace the bigots who seem to overpopulate its staff.

Just as queers marched last October 12 to resist the attacks against us, we will make it clear to the *Inquirer* that your malicious neglect is unacceptable.

Sincerely,  
R. Erik Johannesson  
Philadelphia, Penn.

### Making the best of a bad situation

Dear GCN:

What's worse than being a gay inmate in Iowa's prisons?

Being a gay political prisoner.

I came into the system six years ago. I spent three years in general population before being locked down indefinitely in solitary type cells. Each time I get close to release or to see the parole board, the staff drops new invented disciplinary reports on me. While I was in E.P. I had no problems with 98 percent of the inmates, and the other 2 percent and I avoided each other. The department for corrections and the prison wardens are the main anti-gay ones who have gays and bisexuals singled out and subjected to punishments and hatred.

Of course there may be a few gays in here who have had problems with inmates, so this is my own opinion. I realize I flirt and tease with the majority of inmates, and if I overtease I don't fret about turning a trick to keep everyone happy. With over 1500 inmates in the penitentiary and reformatory I'm careful not to overtease.

The last 1 1/2 years I was a college student holding a B- average toward my Arts degree in a four-year course costing \$8300. One week before seeing the parole board, staff wrote me a phony disciplinary report and seized my college, legal and religious books ordering me to mail them out or they would destroy them. So I mailed them out and was forced to drop out of college.

After I later researched prison policies and citing past orders from the higher courts, I discovered the staff disobeyed policy and the courts orders, so I filed a civil action which is on-going today.

Time will say as to if I win my suit, and my on-going criminal appeal, but the outlook is promising.

So if you're doing time in prison, enjoy

what little social life exists, then keep involved in what legal work you may have, and get all the education you can. Get in school, college or work career programs, as staff today tries to discourage these activities in Iowa, because their jobs depend on inmates and an educated inmate CAN KICK STAFF'S ASS when they violate your rights. You won't harm them physically but you will hurt their pride when you, a gay inmate, walks out the prison doorway with their money to live happily ever after.

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## CORRECTION

Due to a mechanical error, the last paragraph of Jacob Smith Yang's news article, "Harvard HMO drops HIV-positive member," (GCN, July 21-27), was incomplete. The paragraph should have read:

These cases address fundamental issues of the ability of HMOs to provide quality health care, Cathcart maintains. "HCHP appears to have created a system where patient information is neither held confidential nor solely used for patient health care," he said. "What is particularly troubling is that members of HCHP probably do not realize the extent to which employees, like underwriters, not involved in the delivery of care, have access to what should be confidential medical records."

GCN regrets the error.

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Because GCN wishes to encourage dialogue and a diverse representation of perspectives on the letters pages, printing of "Speaking Out" contributions received from authors who have had other "Speaking Outs" appear in GCN recently may be postponed temporarily.

For editing purposes, it is helpful to be able to contact you easily -- please enclose your name, address, and daytime phone number with your letter or article. Thanks.



## Milwaukee

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the most recent murder was the topic of a call-in radio program," said Barber. "Most of the people calling were saying that the victims, who were mostly young, gay males, were as sick as the murderer."

Barber partially attributes the public's attitude to statements by police officials and the way in which the press has emphasized the "gay" angle of the story.

"One of the medical examiners actually came up with a term, 'homosexual overkill,' which is supposed to refer to cases that are more homosexual in nature than others, or in which the perpetrator is a repressed homosexual or spurned gay man" said Barber.

Barber said that such phrases and reporting exacerbate straight people's negative perception of lesbians and gay men. "In this last case, it is the victims who were gay, but the connections being made aren't sympathetic. We've had several bar owners say they had seen the killer around, and the press translates this to a description of him as 'active in the gay community,'" Barber said. "He went to the gay bars to find victims, he was nothing but an enemy to our movement and our community, yet when people hear the word gay, they'll think of him."

Greg Herrick, a social psychologist at the University of California/Davis, told GCN that "It is not unusual for media reports of murder or molestation to emphasize the fact that the perpetrator was engaged in some kind of homosexual behavior." He said, "Part of that is because in the mainstream media everyone is assumed to be heterosexual. You will never see a headline that reads 'Heterosexual Serial Killer Apprehended.'"

According to Herrick, people within a community where there are few visible gay men and lesbians are likely to latch onto the negative stereotypes that the media reinforce in such cases. "People remember what they see, especially if it is an unusual event. If these stories are the only way people in Milwaukee are exposed to gay people, it is potentially quite damaging," he said.

"I am afraid our gay and lesbian community has not educated the public or the press very well," said Barber. "There is a lot of fear and ignorance on the part of the public and public officials, and the fact that we are just beginning to become visible doesn't help."

According to Barber, Milwaukee lacks a gay and lesbian community presence that can be found in some larger cities. "We have no police liaison, we have no one who is tuned into our issues at the prosecutor's office, and we have no official liaison to the mayor's office," she said. "I see no choice but to organize and start becoming a presence. We are the victims, we are not the perpetrators in these cases, and we have to combat this notion that we are disposable."

—filed from Boston

## Violence

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prosecuting them."

Weinerman said there has never been a successful prosecution of a gaybashing in some places, such as northern Florida. Williams, who recently moved to Boston from Florida, said he had been gaybashed when he lived there but never reported or pursued a case. "In that state I have no civil rights protection," he said. "Here in Boston I feel empowered ... I wanted to have justice brought—I did not want to have someone get away with this."

Weinerman acknowledged that projects such as Fenway's, as well as hate crime laws like the one in Massachusetts, help lesbians and gay men to feel comfortable reporting violent incidents and stressed the importance of doing so. "If people can really come forward and report the violence against them," he said, "then as an individual they will have the opportunity to take back some of the pain." □

## AZT

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Schmidt predicted that patent disputes such as this will continue within the AIDS drug industry, where so-called "orphan drugs" become the sole property of the one company that is willing to spend money to develop it. When such a drug is shown to be effective, like AZT, the company is in a position to charge unreasonably high prices.

"Some balance has to be found where financial incentives to be innovative are available to pharmaceutical companies, yet the drug treatments can be offered at a price where people who need them can afford them," said Schmidt.

## NIH contributions

On March 19, Barr Laboratories filed an

abbreviated new drug application with the FDA to import and market a less expensive, generic version of AZT. This prompted Burroughs Wellcome to file a patent infringement lawsuit in U.S. district court, in an attempt to block Barr Laboratories from importing and selling generic AZT.

The NIH, however, has argued that contributions made by government scientists at the National Cancer Institute (NCI) were instrumental in the discovery of AZT's activity against HIV in humans. "Those contributions entitle the NIH scientists to be named as co-inventors on the AZT patents," argued NIH director Bernadine Healy.

Burroughs Wellcome maintains that it is the sole patent holder and authorized manufacturer of AZT in the United States and criticized the NIH's licensing of Barr.

"The NIH actions raise a serious question about whether private companies, the source of most new drugs, can continue to collaborate with government scientists if they risk having their proprietary rights and patents challenged years later, after uphill battles for clinical success and commercial acceptance has been won," Burroughs Wellcome said in a statement.

If the U.S. district court rules that the NIH does have an inventor's interests, as Barr and the NIH contend, Burroughs Wellcome's patent infringement complaint would be invalidated. The NIH's recent licensing of Barr for AZT production then removes all patent restrictions barring Barr from production of the drug.

The FDA still must approve Barr's abbreviated new drug application, which was filed in April, before U.S. marketing can begin. The FDA has 180 days to decide whether to accept the company's application.

"Because we produce a generic version, we do not have to go through the clinical trials a new drug must initially go through," said Carol Rozeck, associate counsel for Barr Laboratories. "The FDA is in the process of determining that our version is a bio-equivalent of AZT."

—filed from Boston

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# Be there, be queer

## Your guide to Boston's Seventh Annual Lesbian and Gay Film Festival

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Independent works, lesbian and gay festivals took on a new look. Older films receded to the background and the excitement of seeing new work—infused with a gay liberation, pro-feminist consciousness—took precedence. Not only were the important works of Fassbinder and Pasolini appearing in festivals, but younger independent directors like Britain's Ron Peck and Germany's Wolfgang Petersen—whose respective films *Nighthawks* and *The Consequence* were important breakthroughs—were making and showing their own visions of gay life.

As time went on, more and more films began to appear at festivals. Some offerings were terrible, others were a mixture of good intentions and middling art, while others were exciting new visions of what it might mean to be a lesbian or gay man living in a world in which such things could now be discussed.

In a very real way, lesbian and gay film festivals were—and are—a reflection of the state of the queer movement. Part of this evolution is finding new films, and there are plenty in this year's Boston festival: from the Spanish tragedy of two 16th century nuns of *Extramuros*, to the French *Noir et Blanc*, an oddly affecting but strange world of repressed S/M eroticism based on a Tennessee Williams story; to the hilarious Canadian short *We're Talking Vulva*.

Of course, much enjoyment comes with the rediscovery of old films. This year's festival is presenting three "classics" of gay Hollywood. *The Killing of Sister George* is one of the first open portrayals of lesbians on the screen. Although it is certainly a product of its time—the 1981 film is based on a 1965 stage play—*Sister George* is an unpleasant but sympathetic portrait of British lesbian life and relationships. For its time, *Sunday, Bloody Sunday*, by (now) openly gay director John Schlesinger, was even more shocking. It's the story of tangled love affairs with a bisexual man involved with both a straight woman and a gay man. Schlesinger's film—which features alarmingly great performances by Peter Finch and Glenda Jackson—was a revelation for its era. Not only was there a male/male kiss that conveyed tenderness and sexual excitement, but the director managed to give full weight to gay sexuality while placing it in a context that acknowledged the complexity of all relationships and human interactions. For many lesbians and gay men, now in their 40s and older, *Sunday Bloody Sunday* was perhaps the most important film of their early years.

*The Wild Rovers* by Blake Edwards—who was to later do *Victor/Victoria* and *Switch*—is a standard cowboy western with a twist. If earlier films such as *Red River* hinted at an underlying homoeroticism, *The Wild Rovers* (with William Holden and Ryan O'Neal), brought that subtext to the forefront. Although they never actually "do it," it is hard to imagine that Edwards could actually get away with his vision as much as he did. The film was trimmed after its first release (the Festival will be showing the uncut version), and its ad campaign was cancelled after the film's homo-interest became apparent.

But even though these three films are available on video, don't even think about renting them. Seeing them on a big screen with a queer audience will make all the difference. And to a large degree this is what a gay and lesbian film festival is really about: seeing movies in a queer environment. If movies are a heightened manifestation of reality writ large with shadow and light, a lesbian and gay festival is a social manifestation of gay visibility. Our coverage of the seventh Boston gay and lesbian film festival includes reviews of those works available to the reviewers for screening.

If not all of the films that make up gay and lesbian film festivals are perfect—and let's face it, some may not be to everyone's liking or even be very good—it is the very existence of the Festival itself that is as important as the films being screened. To paraphrase Spike Lee: Be There, Be Queer.

—Michael Bronski

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We're talking Vulva

## Substance and surface

Reviews by Michael Bronski

***Fun Down There*, by Robert Stigllano, 1990, 89 min., Aug. 4 and 5.**

**F**un Down There is an independent American film of considerable charm and style. Its straightforward narration and plainspoken concerns place it solidly in the tradition of other gay indies, particularly *A Very Natural Thing* and *Parting Glances*. But *Fun Down There* is actually more adventurous and innovative in concept and design. While the program notes for the Boston Gay and Lesbian Film Festival compare it to early Warhol films—especially in its use of real time and locations—*Fun Down There* is more interesting and complex than any product of the Warhol Factory. If anything, *Fun Down There*, with its slightly bewildered and deadheaded characters, is a gay version of Jim Jarmusch's classic *Stranger Than Paradise*.

*Fun Down There* details the adventures of Buddy, beautifully played by co-writer Michael Waite, a twentysomething boy from a small town outside of Buffalo who moves to New York City. Buddy's naivete and non-urban style make him an instant hit with the Lower East Side denizens he meets and

befriends. Like Jarmusch's Hungarian immigrants who are constantly bewildered, baffled and bewitched by the "new world," Buddy lives in total amazement at the sights and sounds of New York.

While this Buddy-in-Blunderland plot is ingratiating, the real charm of *Fun Down There* is director Stigllano's flat-on, deadpan style that conveys both the boredom and the activity of urban gay life. By filming almost every scene in medium-long shots and emphasizing the hyper-naturalistic dialogue, he manages to capture the nutty nuances of everyday existence.

Even a wisecracking waiter at Buddy's restaurant job—who does a brilliant imitation of Ruth Gordon as Blanche du Bois and prattles on as Thelma Ritter in *All About Eve*—is not highlighted but woven into the film's stark, eventually rather unnerving reality. It is easy to see some similarities between *Fun Down There* and the dead-sounding cinema verite of *Lonesome Cowboy* or *My Hustler*. But Stigllano is much more interested in using this technique to convey a post-modern, slightly tilted sensibility than Andy Warhol or his protegee Paul Morrissey ever were. *Fun Down There* is funny and sometimes very sexy in its own

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My father is coming

# Oiled muscle boys and cowboy male-bonding

Reviews by Siong Huat Chua

**Pink Ulysses**, by Eric de Kuyper, 1990, 98 min., Aug 1 (at a benefit for GCN, with selected lesbian shorts)—3.

**P**ink Ulysses is a curious pastiche of old film clips, "impressionist" black-and-white sequences and beautifully staged tableaux in brilliant color all loosely strung together to tell the story of *The Odyssey* as Ulysses heads home to his wife Penelope after the destruction of Troy. The filmmaker's influences here are evident—'50s physique magazines (many of the color sequences have those vivid hues of AMG photos), European opera, (especially Wagner), and good doses of Cocteau's films.

There are lots of oiled, muscled boys arranged in poses like those on the sides of Greek vases and a good deal of European classical music: Ravel, Wagner, Stravinsky. But many of the sequences go on for a good many minutes too long and end up seeming overindulgent. It's one of those movies whose parts are more than the whole and might even be better on video where one can use the FF button.



Straight for the heart

**The Wild Rovers**, by Blake Edwards, 1971, 138 min., Aug 19.

So where's the homosexual content or even subtext in this? Not to worry, *The Wild Rovers* is still an enjoyable movie—a Hollywood Western with all the essential elements plus trimmings. There's the wide screen to show off big sky country; the galloping soundtrack to quicken the pulse; cattle round ups; horse breaking; saloon brawls; poker games; whorehouses with your classic brassy, bleached blonde madam; shoot-'em-ups between cattle ranchers and sheep herders; Paw the rancher and his two sons; posses running down outlaws; and yes, good old cowboy male bonding, Hollywood-style. The bond-pair consists of William Holden as the wise, aging cowpoke and his young, whipper-snapper companion played by Ryan O'Neal. They rob a bank and head for the sun with a posse hot on their trail. A pair of hard-riding, tough-talking comrades in adversity. You add the queer subtext.

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# Lesbian nuns, dyke dating games, a new Marlon Riggs video, and much, much more...



What do Pop Art, Pop Music and Pornography have to do With Real Life?

Reviews by Lole Hayes

**Affirmation**, by Marlon Riggs, 1990, 10 mins, August 7 & 8.

**A**ffirmation is another great video from Marlon Riggs, the maker of *Tongues Untied*. More succinct and just as powerful as *Tongues*, *Affirmation* is a tribute to the dignity, humor and passion of gay male African Americans. Riggs lures us into the video with a candid and humorous first-sex story, builds tension with documentary footage of a homophobic confrontation and climaxes the work with an entrancing collage of images and sound. Riggs presents his subjects with such clarity and strength that viewers will feel swept up in the affirmation the filmmaker showers on these beautiful men.

Showing with *Affirmation* is Marlon Riggs' 1991 short video *Anthem*. This wasn't available for reviewing, but I'll bet it's another gem. My only complaint is that these two shorts are playing after the full-length *Noir et Blanc* (*Black and White*). Though titled, I assume, to highlight racial difference, the film seems devoted to exploring potentially universal pleasures (and dangers) of passivity and violence, while its characters' races serve as merely superficial symbols of difference. (See Michael Bronski's review for details on *Noir et Blanc*).

**Extramuros** (*Beyond the Walls*), by Miguel Picaro, 1985, 118 min, August 13 - 15 (In Spanish with subtitles).

Plague, poverty and the Spanish Inquisition set the stage for this disturbing story of 16th century lesbian nuns. Though the women's love affair is overshadowed by the threat of starvation and the convent's closure, the actors communicate a powerful eroticism without baring a breast or lingering on a kiss. Other reviewers have compared this film to *Maedchen in Uniform*: social nightmare frames both and both concern eroticism and power within an all-female institution. But the lesbianism in *Extramuros* is filmed from a post-Stonewall perspective with a self-consciousness that is markedly more modern than the tragic tone of *Maedchen*.

In *Extramuros*, Mercedes Sampietro and Carmen Maura play the nun long-time lovers with just the right pitch of desperation. Viewers familiar with Pedro Almodovar's films will be delighted to see Maura in her first dramatic role. As the femme to Sampietro's masochistic butch, Maura is completely convincing. When she says, "My breath and life are yours," we know Sampietro has been both the balm and burn of her cloistered devotion. Sampietro plays her role with just the right mix of obsession, sublimation and vulnerability to convince us that she's earned Maura's devotion.

Sampietro's messianic fevers compete with her sexual availability to her devotee and her ambitions become the driving force of the plot. This is no simple romance and the chaos outside the convent walls insinuates itself in the nuns' lives in ever

larger proportions. A great ensemble cast and wonderful sets makes this a film worth seeing. And if Jesus Fernandez Santos's novel *Extramuros*, on which the film is based, is available in English, it's probably great bedtime reading.

**Flesh and Paper**, by Pratibha Parmar, 1990, 26 min, August 21.

This short documentary conveys the humor, intelligence and artistry of the lesbian Indian writer Suniti Namjoshi. Lyrical and analytical by turns, it will be a great eye-opener for those of us who know little more of India than the name Ghandi. Namjoshi's story of coming to the U.S. for college eviscerates with gentle wit the vast ignorance and pomposity of North American culture.

Namjoshi has a luscious low voice and butchy confidence. Her recitation of an erotic poem deftly reinvigorates the cliché of lesbian sex as ocean waves and celebrates both the physicality and spirituality of sexual intimacy. A must see for those who lust after smart butches. Showing with *Women Like Us*, which I haven't seen, this program is a lesbian lives documentary smorgasbord.

**Sex and Politics**, an evening of thirteen short videos by lesbians, August 22.

The first three of these videos—*Laws and Skin*, by Chris Marin; *Laura, Ingrid and Rebecca*, by Philippe Roques; and *Keep Your Laws Off My Body*, by Catherine Saalfeld and Zoe Leonard—are relatively short. But what they lack in plot or linearity, they make up for in sharp images and ideas. *Laws and Skin* has fab shots of a Brazilian Carnival, U.S. drag queens and a woman body builder: it definitely makes you wonder who's what and why it matters.

*Laura, Ingrid and Rebecca* features talking-head interviews with three San Francisco ACT UP dykes. At times inadvertently funny, their go-get-'em desire to do something, anything, speaks to the fervor so many of us have felt in response to the AIDS crisis and the right-wing backlash of the last decade or so.

*Keep Your Laws Off My Body* contrasts innocent dyke nakedness with cops in riot gear and summaries of the laws that have encoded the right-wing agenda on sodomy, abortion, pornography, etc. It couldn't be much more clear a presentation of what the backlash is all about.

Azian Nurudin's *What Do Pop Art, Pop Music, and Pornography Have To Do With Real Life?* is as much about art and politics as it is about sex. Nurudin makes accessible all the debates about the relative values of high art and pop art, lampooning the full spectrum of art profiteers along the way. She packs a lot into 21 minutes, though the connection between "real life" and art is left pretty vague. Worth seeing repeatedly.

Also on the "Sex and Politics" bill are seven short music videos by Ilse Gassinger. Since Nurudin's piece ends on a punk tune, these should cap the night smoothly. If I'd seen 'em, I'd tell you more about 'em, but no such luck.

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Substance

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backwards, oddball way. Although it has none of the traditional narrative lilt of a *Parting Glances*, *Fun Down There* is highly engaging.

*Noir et Blanc*, by Clair Devers, 1986, 88 mln., Aug. 7 and 8.

"Desire and the Black Masseur," Tennessee Williams's short story upon which Clair Devers's film *Noir et Blanc* is based, begins with the provocative sentence: "From his very beginning this person, Anthony Burns, had betrayed an instinct for being included in things that swallowed him up." An understatement, surely, when one sees what happens in both the story and the film. Devers has moved the Williams narrative from the American South to a small French city, stripped its southern gothic cast and replaced it with a moody, pre-new-wave French romantic look that both heightens and in an odd way flattens the story.

Williams's tale is a simple obsessional story of a white man who becomes involved in a non-sexual S/M relationship with a Black masseur. As the physical sessions continue, they gradually become more extreme. The brilliance of Williams's story is that he managed, as usual, to make the sexual subtext visceral through indication rather than explanation. You can feel director Devers attempting to find the visual equivalent of the Williams magic, but she

Much more...

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Camping Out, five short videos, August 23.

*Jollies*, by Sadie Benning, and *The Gay Dating Game*, by Tommie Saeli, are the only two of this program that I've seen. I loved *Jollies*. Baby butch tells all about adolescence. She's funny, she's provocative, she's sexy. What more could you ask? The *Gay Dating Game* puts real New York '90s dykes on a '60s set and makes 'em play truth-or-dare. Didn't work for me but maybe you'll howl. The rest of the films for this program look like they could be fun.

Just glancing through the rest of the Festival program, here are a few I'm anxious to take a chance on: *Fun Down There* and *Dick* on August 4 and 5, *We're Talking Vulva* and *The Killing of Sister George* on August 11 and 12, and *My Father is Coming* on August 24.

Suburban

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added zinger to this segment is delicious gender blurring dialogue with Mitchell referring to Pepper as "boy."

*Suburban Dykes* is definitely *Fatale's* hottest video. The voyeurism scene is damn good pornography and the entire video is steeped in sexual diversity and intensity. Also, Sharon Mitchell's gorgeous forearms are enough to drool over. (Plus, she is not only a talented actress but the best spanker ever showcased by *Fatale*). Yummy vignettes, such as the camera sweep of the dominatrix's long, lace-stockings-covered legs keeps *Suburban Dykes* moving. The action and acting has taken a quantum leap beyond *Hungry Hearts*, *Fatale's* previous release. Nowhere in *Suburban Dykes* does the acting falter or interfere with the video's erotic development.

But there are a few snags. Although Pepper is Mexican, wider racial and class variations would broaden *Suburban Dykes'* appeal. Plus, Nina and Pepper's initial conversation about their friends "lesbian bed death syndrome" is excessively catty and distracts from the sexual content. Again their subsequent comment, "If love is really there, the sex will stay hot," represents a totally shallow understanding of sexual dysfunction in lesbian relationships (and a myth *Fatale* producers would themselves denounce). This snide aside disrupts the viewers focus on the sex.

Another flaw is the choice of the dominatrix's voice. She sounds like Mae West. Use of this voice—which is fabulous in the right situation—diminishes the dominatrix's potency. Also, the safe sex information is sloppily interspersed throughout the dialogue and feels overwritten. As usual, our stars come to quickly, and are too heavily focussed on kissing and genital sex. And I must ask: Would a butch dominant such as our leather dyke really let her partner touch her cock without permission? Hm? Lastly, when Mitchell tosses her motorcycle helmet on the floor she blows her biker image—any self-respecting dyke biker would never do that.

Despite some shortcomings, the producers and actresses of *Suburban Dykes* deserve

video represents the sex life of girls from the burb's, us urban dwellers better start packing! *Suburban Dykes* draws you in, holds your gaze and feeds your sexual imaginings. But will it get you wet? Yup. □

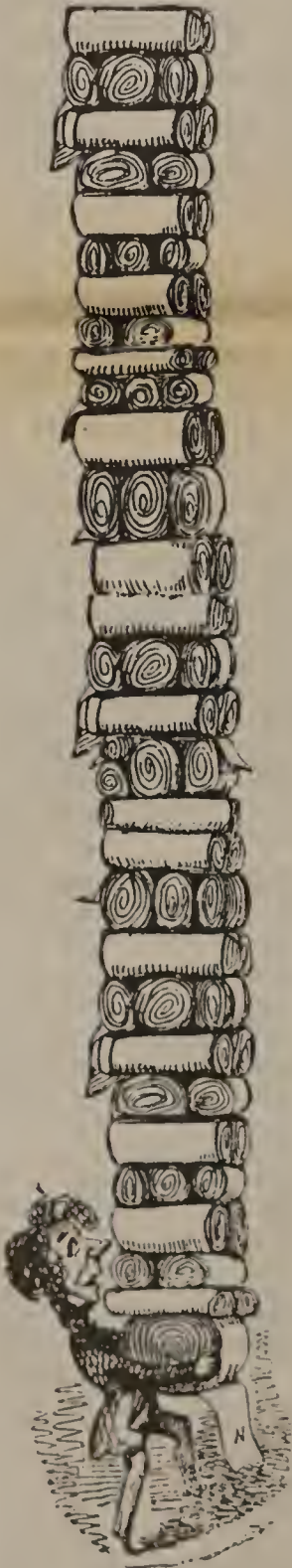
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community for using professionals in *Suburban Dykes*. "The viewers felt that the professional actresses just get into their girl-girl trip and merely perform," and that, "the specialness was lost by using professional actresses. I disagree."

*Fatale* is also under the gun for the narrowness of the racial and body types seen in the videos. Kinney says *Fatale* struggles for diversity. "But although a lot of women say they are interested in performing, few follow through," explains Kinney. "Like the straight porn industry, this is a risky business. The cost can be high. Women are afraid that later on if they change careers, their acting in an X-video will follow them."

But Kinney, who states that the financial price tag for *Suburban Dykes* was \$10,000, remains committed to widening the age, ethnic and body types in *Fatale* videos. "Just the other day, a group of Black women came up to us and said, 'We are really sick of your videos because everyone is so white, we want to do a video.' So I said 'Great, sign up' and they did. So we'll see."

It is refreshing that with the genre of lesbian pornography we are reaching the point in the lesbian community where we can begin to ask critical questions. What does it mean for lesbians to say they produce pornography? What does it mean to have professional actresses in our videos? How, when and for what reasons should one show safe sex in a video? *Suburban Dykes* prompts these questions. □



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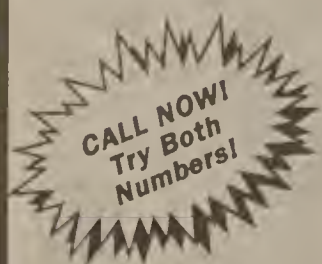
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GHM doing lots of lonely time & need correspondence for comfort. Friends call me gypsy & say I have lots of charisma. Would enjoy hearing from anyone anywhere. Sorry, not allowed to write to prisoners. Mario CHAVEZ, 503102, Price Daniel Unit, Snyder TX 79549

I'd like to get some penpals to keep in touch with the gay community on the outside. Hobbies are science fiction, comics, computer, cartoons. Hoping to hear from you soon. John KEELEY, 29997-053, 150 Park Row, NY NY 10007

I haven't had any luck getting a penpal, but I'm trying again. I'd like friends of our belief to write to! Samuel DUNFEE, 075517, FSP Box 747, Starke FL 32091

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# Calendar

**August 1, Thursday, Boston ♦ THE GCN BENEFIT.**  
Dinner and Film screening at the opening night of **Boston's 7th Annual International Lesbian and Gay Film Festival.** Screening will be of **Pink Ulysses** plus assorted short lesbian films (TBA). *See page 11 for details.*

Calendar listings must be received by the Monday before the week of the event. Photos encouraged! Listings may be sent electronically by the Tuesday before the week of the event at the following addresses: via AT&T Mail, inaleks; via the Internet, naleks @ attmail.com; via X.400, c = us / admd = attmail / pn= / given name = norm / surname = aleks / dda (kd) = naleks.

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Phone numbers listed are in the 617 area code, and cities are in Massachusetts, unless otherwise noted.

## 27 SATURDAY

Provincetown ♦ Diana Salvatore signs "Benediction." 4 p.m. Now Voyager, 357 Commercial St. (508) 487-0848.

Provincetown ♦ GLAD Provincetown Gala. Support G/L Advocates and Defenders. \$25 or more. 8 Commercial St. 5 to 8 p.m. 426-1350.

Cable TV ♦ PrideTime: "PrideTime Travels to Montreal." See listing under Saturdays.

Boston ♦ Slow Dancing at the Center. 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., fourth Saturday each month. Slow dancing lesson 10:30 p.m. by Jason Thomas. G/L Comm. Center, 338 Newbury St. 247-2927.

## 28 SUNDAY

Hamilton ♦ Bicycling Lesbians Around Boston North Shore Ride. Info: Linda 468-6591.

Ogunquit, ME ♦ Am Tikva and Am Hofshe Go To Ogunquit Beach. Am Tikva meets at Workmen's Circle, 1762 Beacon St., Brookline, 8:30 a.m. for carpooling; or meet on beach at blue balloons, 10 min. walk left of snackbar. Ralndate 8/25. 926-2536.

Boston ♦ The Coalition for L/G Civil Rights. Meets every other Thursday. The Center, rm 202K. 338 Newbury St. 6:30 to 8p.m. Info: David 828-3039.

Boston ♦ AMALGM Monthly Men's Meeting. (AMALGM = Assoc. of Mass. Asian L/GM.) Last Sunday each month. The Center, 338 Newbury St., room 202K. Info: 247-2927.

## 29 MONDAY

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Rap: The Road to Emotional Intimacy. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

## 30 TUESDAY

Cambridge ♦ 30+ Lesbian Rap: Role Playing in the Lesbian Community. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Cambridge ♦ Bisexual Women's Rap: "2 In 20," Episodes 5 and 6. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

## 1 THURSDAY

Boston ♦ Party for Michael Cronin, Candidate for Boston City Council District II. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Home of Barbara Hoffman, 199 W. Springfield St. (between Tremont and Columbus).

Cambridge ♦ Cambridge Lavender Alliance General Mtg. 7 to 9 p.m. Camb. Rindge and Latin School Media Cafeteria. 878-3874 or 868-1693.

Northampton ♦ Valley Gay Alliance. First and third Thursdays each month. Basement of the Unitarian Church, 22 Main St. 7:30p.m. (413) 527-5310.

## 2 FRIDAY

Boston ♦ Friday Night Video Series at the Center: "Polyester." 7 p.m. \$2 suggested. 338 Newbury St. 2nd flr. 247-2927.

Brookline ♦ Am Tikva Shabbat Services. 8 p.m. Workmen's Circle, 1762 Beacon St. Bring something dairy / veggie for oneg. 926-2536.

Somerville ♦ "Bits of String." 8 p.m. See 8/3.

Cambridge ♦ Tricia Langlois: "The New World" Album Release Concert. 8:30 and 10:30 p.m. Christopher's, 1920 Mass. Ave. \$6. 876-9180.

## 3 SATURDAY

Boston ♦ Bicycling Lesbians Around Boston. Info: Mary 776-7154.

Amherst ♦ Northampton/Amherst Lesbian Festival. UMass campus, by the pond (if rain, in Student Union ballroom). 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Many performers. Tickets \$18 negotiable. No scents. Info: Andl (413) 586-5679.

Cambridge ♦ Open Discussion on Coming Out for Women of All Ages. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Club Antorcha Empowerment Series Workshop: "Internalized Homophobia." Jose Toro, Exec. Dir. of Fundacion SIDA de Puerto Rico. For all non-anglo men, but focusing on Latino gay men. 2 p.m. Registration and location: 262-9362.

Jamaica Plain ♦ Louise Rafkin Reads From and Signs "Different Mothers." Winner of 1991 Lambda Literary Award. 3 to 5 p.m. Crones' Harvest, 761 Centre St. 983-9530.

Somerville ♦ "Bits of String," an original play. To benefit area shelters for battered women. 8 p.m. Also 8/4, 2 p.m.; 8/9 and 8/10, 8 p.m.; 8/11, 2 p.m.

240 Elm St. \$6. 522-9431.

Cambridge ♦ Laura Wood Concert. 9 p.m. Christopher's, 1920 Mass. Ave. \$6. 876-9180.

## 4 SUNDAY

Waltham ♦ Way Out In Waltham Goes to Watch City Folk Festival. Noon to 6 p.m. Gore Place, 52 Gore St. 893-0361 or 893-0742.

Jamaica Plain ♦ Reception for Eva Schlessinger Self-Portraits. 2 to 4 p.m. Crones' Harvest, 761 Centre St. 983-9530.

Somerville ♦ GLOSS: G/L of Somerville and Surroundings. Monthly potluck. 71 Union Sq. 6 p.m. First Sunday each month. Info: Lisa, 628-2532.

Beverly ♦ North Shore L/G Parenting Support Group. First Sunday each month. First Parish Unitarian Church. 225 Cabot St. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 593-5252.

Boston ♦ Boston Bisexual Men's Network. First Sunday of each month. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 8 p.m. Info: 247-6683.

## 5 MONDAY

Newton ♦ Lesbian School Teachers/Administrators Picnic with Partners and Friends. 6 p.m. Info and directions: 244-5029.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Partners and Ex-Partners of Incest Survivors. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Hanover, NH ♦ Panelmaking Workshops for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. First and third Mondays each month. Lutheran Church, 5 Summer St. 7 p.m. Info: Thom (603) 632-4145.

Boston ♦ Queer Nation. Community Church of Boston, Copley Square above Back Bay Bistro. 7:30 p.m., first and third Mondays each month. Info: 577-8123.

Cambridge ♦ Boston Bisexual Women's Network Introductory Meeting. 7:30 to 9:45 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Rap: "Meeting Women." 7:30 to 9 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Gay and Bisexual Married Men Support Group. 8 to 10 p.m., first and third Mondays each month. G/L Comm. Center, 338 Newbury St. \$2. Info: Fred 469-3716.

## 6 TUESDAY

Boston ♦ Tefillat Refuat Hanefesh, "Service for the Healing of the Soul." Jewish patients with longterm medical conditions. Temple Israel, Longwood Ave. and Plymouth St. First Tuesday each month. 566-3960.

Framlingham ♦ Framlingham G/L Youth Group. People 22 and under, meets first and third Tuesdays each month. Civic League Bldg., 214 Concord St. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: write P.O. Box 426, S. Framlingham, MA 01701.

Boston ♦ Support group for lesbian and single women interested or involved in alternative insemination. Today: women not yet inseminating. 7 to 8:30 p.m. Second flr. conf. rm., FCHC, 7 Haviland St. Info: Jennifer Firestone 267-0900.

Cambridge ♦ 30+ Lesbian Rap: "Women and AIDS." 7 to 8:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Cambridge ♦ Bisexual Women's Rap: "Masks: Public Images/Private Lives." 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Gay Fathers of Greater Boston. First and third Tuesday each month. Lindemann Center, 2nd fl. 8 to 10 p.m. Info 742-7897.

## 7 WEDNESDAY

Concord, NH ♦ Lesbian Health Clinic. First Wednesday each month. 5 to 9 p.m. Full gynecological services. Appointment or more Info: Randle (603) 225-2739.

Boston ♦ NAMES Project/Boston General Mtg. First Wednesday each month. 7 p.m. Piemonte Rm., City Hall (Congress St. entrance).

Somerville ♦ B/L/G Rights Activists of Somerville (BLGRAS) Monthly Meeting. First Wednesday each month. 7 p.m. Info: 666-9288 or 628-9650.

Worcester ♦ Supporters of Worcester Area G/L Youth. Open to G/L/B youth 21 and under. First and third Wednesday each month. United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd. 7p.m. Info: (508)755-0005.

## 8 THURSDAY

Boston ♦ The Coalition for L/G Civil Rights. Meets every other Thursday. The Center, rm 202K. 338 Newbury St. 6:30 to 8p.m. Info: David 828-3039.

Dorchester ♦ G/L Concerns Committee of SEIU Local 509. Second Thursday each month. Union office, 5 Howard Johnson Plaza. 6:30 p.m. Info: 282-2509.

Boston ♦ "HIV Treatment Update." Video presentation of L.A. Area Being Alive Monthly HIV Update. 7 p.m. John Hancock Conf. Center, 2nd flr., 40 Trinity Place. Spons. by ACT UP Boston, BLC, FCHC Living Well, PWA Coalition, and Positive Directions. 267-0900 x287.

Boston ♦ FCHC Living Well Series: HIV Medical Forum. Second Thursday each month. 7 to 9 p.m. BLC, 140 Clarendon St. 7th floor. Info: Rob 267-

0900.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbians Choosing Children. 7:30 p.m. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Boston ♦ GLAAD: Boston Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation. General meeting second Thursday each month. The Center rm. 202, 338 Newbury St. 8 p.m. Info: 492-4639.

Exeter, NH ♦ Doshle Powers Concert. 9 p.m. Loaf & Ladle, 9 Water St. (603) 778-8955.

## 9 FRIDAY

Boston ♦ Friday Night Video Series at the Center: "The Killing of Sister George." 7 p.m. \$2 suggested. 338 Newbury St. 2nd flr. 247-2927.

## SATURDAYS

Boston ♦ Frontrunners. Meet at Metropolitan Health Club for 2 to 5-mi. run along Charles. Lockers and showers complimentary. 10 a.m. Also: Tues. 12:15 p.m. at MHC; Wed. 6:45 p.m. at Hatch Shell. 282-0013.

Cambridge ♦ Single Mothers' Support Group. Free drop-in group with child care, alternate Saturdays. Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 11am-12:30 p.m. 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Pink Flamingos. TV/TS of New England. 4 to 6p.m. 338 Newbury St., 2nd flr. 247-2927.

Boston TV ♦ PrideTime—Boston G/L TV, with Cynthia Pope. 7:30 p.m. Boston Neighborhood Network, channels A3 and A8. Also on Cambridge Cable Channel 19, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, and on other systems; check your listings.

Jamaica Plain ♦ Women's Coffeehouse. Musical entertainment, usually. 8 p.m. Crone's Harvest, 761 Centre St. \$5 suggested donation. 983-9530.

## SUNDAYS

Boston ♦ Different Strokes Swim Team. Coached workouts for swimmers of all abilities. 10:15 at Boston City Hosp. swimming pool. Ed 767-0449.

Boston ♦ Boston Alliance of G/L Youth (BAGLY) Drop-In Center. St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin. (800) 42BAGLY.

Boston ♦ Work Issues Support Group. 2 to 4 p.m. G/L Comm. Center, 338 Newbury St.

Boston ♦ Boston Strikers Soccer Club. Weekly novice and club scrimmages. All levels. 3 p.m. Info: Erik 423-0929 or Jeff 876-7612.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Sports. Magazine Field, Memorial Dr. Spons. by DOB. Softball 4 to 6 p.m.; volleyball 6 p.m. 'til dark. \$1. Info: Steph 625-9551.

Provincetown ♦ Christian Healing Service. 5:30 p.m. 96 Bradford St. (P'Town AIDS Support Group). Pot luck dinner to follow. (508) 487-3866.

Boston ♦ Metropolitan Community Church Worship/Fellowship. 131 Cambridge St. (near Govt Center). 7 p.m. Info: Rev. Tanis 437-0420.

Boston ♦ Narcotics Anonymous. L/GM. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 8 p.m. 247-2927.

Boston ♦ The Gay Dating Show, WUNR 1600AM. 10:30pm-2:30 a.m.

## MONDAYS

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 12:25 p.m. 262-3456.

Boston ♦ Chiltern Downhill Skiing Lessons. Monday nights at Nashoba Valley ski area. Info: Jim 843-3966.

Boston ♦ Monday Night Dinners for PWA's and Friends: about 100 people meeting every Monday at AAC for dinner. No reservations required. 6 p.m. AAC, 131 Clarendon St. 437-6200.

Dorchester ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous. First Parish Church, Meeting House Hill. Beginners 6:30, hardhats 8 p.m.

Boston ♦ Boston Bisexual Women's Network Coordinating Comm. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 247-2927.

Worcester ♦ AIDS Project Worcester. A support group for family, friends, concerned others dealing with HIV. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. (508)755-3773.

Boston ♦ Northern Lights Alternatives Monday Night Rap Group. Talk to others living with HIV. 38 Appleton St. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: Ann O'Rourke 694-0964.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Rap Group. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 8-10 p.m. 354-8807.

Cable TV ♦ "Between Takes." Often a g/l slant on events. Boston A3 Mondays 9:30 p.m. Cambridge CCTV Thursdays 8:30 p.m. Rhode Island Interconnect A Fridays 8:30 p.m. Other areas: check listings.

## TUESDAYS

Providence, RI ♦ ACT UP/Rhode Island. Call for meeting place (401) 461-4191.

Gloucester ♦ Healing Circle / Positively Clean and Sober. Healing circle 6:30 to 8 p.m., open to anyone facing chronic or life-threatening illness. Pos. C&S 8 to 9 p.m., for people living with HIV and dealing with subst. abuse issues. N. Shore AIDS Project, 19 Pleasant St. (508) 283-0101.

Boston ♦ ACT UP/Boston. The Living Center, YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. 7 p.m. 49-ACTUP.

Cambridge ♦ Bisexual Women's Rap. The

Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 7-8:30. 354-8807.

Medford Radio ♦ "We the People" — with feminist Sheila Parks. WMFO 91.5FM. 7-9a.m. Tufts U. radio.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ G/B Men and Their Significant Others. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. (508) 755-3773.

Boston ♦ L/G Freedom Trail Band Rehearsals. No audition necessary. Mass College of Art, Longwood and Brookline Ave. 7:15 p.m. 266-0628.

## WEDNESDAYS

Boston ♦ Sales Networks Program for G/L Business Owners and Supporters of the Community. 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St., 2nd flr. Registration required: Marc Spencer 262-2400.

Hyde Park ♦ Women's Pick-Up Hockey. MDC Hyde Park Rink (near Dedham). 8 to 9 a.m. Info: Janice 326-1600 x350.

Boston ♦ Boston Alliance of G/L Youth (BAGLY). Open to youth age 22 and under. 35 Bowdoin St. New persons' meeting 6p.m.; women and men meet separately 6:45 to 7:30; general meeting 7:30p.m. (800) 42BAGLY.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian AI-Anon. Wheelchair accessible. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 6:30 to 8 p.m. 354-8807.

Springfield ♦ Names Project Meeting. New chapter with weekly quilting meetings. All welcome. Frontier. 19 Pearl St. 7 to 10 p.m. (413)788-7459

Worcester ♦ Supporters of Worcester Area G/L Youth (SWAGLY). Social support grp. for youths 22 and under. 7 to 9 p.m. United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Road. 7 to 9 p.m. (508) 755-0005.

Boston ♦ Bisexual Adult Children of Alcoholics. Mass. General Hospital. 7:30 p.m. Info: Marge 259-1559.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. 262-3456.

Bridgewater ♦ S. Shore G/L Alliance. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Bridgewater Center Primarily a social group of age 25+, but all welcome. Info: Glen 293-5183 or Dave 294-0367.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ who are In Substance Abuse Recovery. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7:30 to 9 p.m. (508) 755-3773.

## THURSDAYS

Boston ♦ Boston Area Rape Crisis Center drop-in group for women who have been raped. 492-RAPE.

Boston ♦ Names Project Quilting Bee—for the AIDS Memorial Quilt. Sewing supplies and support provided. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon St. 7th flr. 7 to 9 p.m. Info 451-9003.

Cambridge ♦ Drop In at DOB Coffee Night. 7 to 9:30 p.m. Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$1. 661-3633.

Portsmouth, NH ♦ Out and About. A lesbian social and support group. Info: Keryn (603) 749-5852.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. 262-3456.

Provincetown ♦ Positive PWA Coalition Weekly Rap Session. 7:30. 155 Bradford St. Peer led. (508) 487-3998.

Boston ♦ The Group. Discussion and social hour. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 266-1129.

Boston ♦ L/G Ice Hockey Practices and Intersquad Scrimmages. All levels. 9 p.m. Grtr Bos. rink. Info: John 350-6063, Al 522-1408.

Cambridge ♦ GAMIT Study Break. (GAMIT = Gays at MIT.) GAMIT lounge, room 50-306, 142 Memorial Dr.

## FRIDAYS

Watertown ♦ GLOW: G/L of Watertown. 395-4664.

Boston ♦ GCN Friday Night Stuffing Party. Come stuff the paper, eat pizza, and make new friends. GCN, 62 Berkeley St. 5 p.m. 426-4469.

Boston ♦ Friday Night At The Movies. Boston Living Center. 140 Clarendon St. Free. 7 p.m. 236-1012.

Boston ♦ Body Electric. Healing w/sensual massage for gay and bisexual men. \$12. 522-9164.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. 262-3456.

Somerville ♦ Swing and C/W Dance for G/L/B. 8 p.m., swing and two-step lessons; 9 p.m. to midnight, dancing. Smoke / alcohol free, juice bar. Air cond. \$5. "On Broadway," 880 Broadway. 623-9532.

Provincetown ♦ Safe Sex Brigade and Anti-L/G/B Violence Campaign. Volunteers meet on steps of P'Town Post Office Friday and Sunday nights at 11:30 p.m. through Labor Day. Info: ACT UP (508) 487-2063.

## ONGOING

Provincetown Swim For Life is recruiting swimmers for their Sept. 8 AIDS benefit. Call or write Swim for Life, P.O. Box 819, P'Town, MA 02657, (508) 487-3684.







## Hot time in the 'burbs

Fatale's latest lesbian porn video sizzles

### Suburban Dykes

Directed by Fanny Fatale. With Sharon Mitchell, Nina Hartley and Pepper. Distributed by Fatale Video. \$34.95, 30 min.

### Reviewed by Wickie Stamps

The Fatale Video Company, producer of a slew of lesbian porn, is at it again. In their newest release, *Suburban Dykes*, two lesbians—bitch Pepper and femme Nina—spice up their sex lives. The video includes your standard sucking, fucking and coming but quickly moves into tastier sexual options traditionally absent from dyke porn.

First, there's voyeurism, as Pepper peers through a peep hole at a couple engaged in a very hot sex scene. Then she and Nina indulge in a phone sex with a dominatrix. During this scene Pepper shares with us her hidden desires to get fucked and to suck cock—sexual tidbits heretofore withheld from her partner, Nina.

Our mischievous girls then hire a hot-looking butch leather dyke biker (played by Sharon Mitchell) from the local escort service. Upon her arrival, the girls dive into three-way sex, a Fatale first. There's butch on fem, butch on butch, and then Mitchell—after ass fucking Ms. Nina—rolls over, spreads her legs and gets fucked herself. An

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## Behind the scenes at Fatale Video

The lesbian owned Fatale company, unlike other producers of lesbian erotica, refers to its videos as "pornography." "We don't think of pornography as negative," explains Nan Kinney, *Suburban Dykes*' producer. According to Kinney, the dictionary defines the word "pornography" as the "writing of harlots." "Harlots were female prostitutes which means that pornography was originally written by women," says Kinney.

She adds that, "We at Fatale see pornography as something strong and positive and our work is to reclaim a female understanding and graphic portrayal of our sexuality." Kinney strongly believes that "women are interested in powerful portrayals of lesbian sexuality."

Kinney then explains Fatale's commitment to safe sex. "For the actresses participating in our videos, it is extremely important for their safety to practice safe sex. This is especially true if they aren't long-term lovers with the other actress and are just performing together."

But does Fatale think everything shown in an X-rated video must be safe sex? "I am not too sure," says Kinney. "I think it is important to have safe sex out there but I don't think it needs to be in every single thing." Kinney explains that there are long term monogamous lesbian couples who could safely perform in videos without using safe sex.

Fatale also sees its videos as venues for safe sex education. "There is so little attention paid to this issue of safe sex for women," asserts Kinney. Fatale believes that women should be "conscious" of practicing safe sex. "We also want to show that it is possible to have *hot*, safe sex," adds Kinney. "Women are in the closet about sex and can barely talk about HIV, AIDS and sexually

transmitted diseases. We at Fatale are trying to get the issues more out in the open."

*Suburban Dykes* also sets a precedent as the first Fatale video to use professional actresses. Sharon Mitchell, the leather dyke, has starred in over 1000 straight porn films. Nina Hartley is also a seasoned actress.

"We wanted to use professional actresses for a range of reasons," explains Kinney. "We like Sharon and Nina, have seen and admired their work and we wanted them involved in a Fatale production." Kinney states that Fatale, which has produced a half dozen lesbian videos, has finally reached the point where their name is recognized within the video industry. "When we called up Sharon and Nina they knew who we were and said 'yes.'"

As a producer, Kinney finds and marked difference between working with professional actresses as opposed to amateurs. "What can I say? Professionals have a stage presence around their fucking!" she laughs. "They are able to fuck and have sex in front of a camera and make it come across." Creative ad libbing is also an advantage to working with professionals.

"Also," Kinney explains, "When we are shooting fourteen to fifteen hours at a stretch these women not only keep at it and have a lot of energy but when the camera comes on they are ready to go. Women who are not used to that kind of schedule get cranky and tired." Kinney says that professionals tend to need very little support or direction.

"Don't get me wrong, working with amateurs has its advantages," interjects Kinney. "They portray an innocence and a reality, especially if they are lovers with the person they are performing with, that professionals don't."

Kinney says that Fatale has come under criticism from some people in the women's

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# The Seventh Annual Boston International LESBIAN AND GAY FILM FESTIVAL

Thursday 1 - Saturday 3

7:30 PM

### Pink Ulysses

Eric de Kuyper

The Netherlands, 1990, 98 min.

In Dutch with English subtitles

Thursday night's screening will follow a benefit for **Gay Community News**, the nation's oldest operating newspaper devoted to gay, lesbian and political equality. The benefit will be held at The Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 338 Newbury St., Boston and catered by Dixie Kitchen. Tickets are \$20 each (for dinner and film screening) and are on sale at New Words, Glad Day and Gay Community News.

Not to be confused with the gay porn classic *Pink Narcissus*, *Pink Ulysses* is the latest Dutch treat from director Eric de Kuyper (*A Strange Love Affair*). *Pink Ulysses* is an intoxicating brew of muscular bodies, operatic tableaux and music from Sarah Leander to Stravinsky's "Rites of Spring." In fact, if *Pink Narcissus* were re-made for the '90s, this cultish cross between a Steve Reeves sandal-and-sword epic and a homoerotic Homer would probably be the mind boggling result. *Pink Ulysses* red-flags camp for the MTV generation with wit and saturated color. A knockout kickoff to this year's festival.  
Boston Premiere

Sunday 4 and Monday 5  
Fun Down There  
Roger Stigliano  
USA, 1990, 16mm, 89 min.

A filmic rarity: a comedic gay coming of age story about a nice, slightly nerdy, lad who escapes his boring small town home for life in the big city. Reminiscent of the Warhol films of the '60s, the low key performances and use of real time and actual locations lend authenticity to this story of sexual awakening—a staple of Hollywood and French films, seldom seen with a homosexual hero.  
Boston Premiere

Dick  
Jo Mennell  
USA, 1989, 35mm, 15 min.

One hundred women interviewed, a thousand meo exposed. A very amusing, fifteen-minute look at the male organ.  
Boston Premiere

Wednesday 7 - Thursday 8  
Noir et Blanc (Black and White)  
Claire Devers  
France, 1986, 35mm, 88 min.  
In French with English subtitles

Recipient of the Camera d'Or award at Cannes in 1986, this absolutely stunning adaptation of Tennessee Williams' short story "Desire and the Black Masseuse" is a highlight. *Noir et Blanc* is the story of a mild mannered white man who becomes caught up in hitherto unsuspected sado-masochistic impulses when he begins a routine of ever more violent massages at the hands of a handsome black masseuse. Both subtle and intensely erotic.  
Boston premiere

Affirmation  
Marlee Riggs  
USA, 1990, video, 10 min.

From the maker of *Tongues Untied*, an exploration of Black gay male desires and dreams. *Affirmation* starts with an affectionate, humorous confessional and moves on to a wish for empowerment and incorporation.  
Boston premiere



Scene from *Fun Down There*

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